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Sunday Schedule: Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; *Celebrate!* Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 10:15 a.m. and 12 noon; Church School, 10:10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Hazelwood's Statement of Calling: As members of the body of Christ, we at Hazelwood are called to share God's love by introducing individuals to Christ and nurturing personal spiritual growth for Christ's mission.
Motto: Our BEST for Christ



Look for us at:
www.hazelwoodchurch.org
We will be constantly building and adding to it, so check back often!
You can also contact us through the Website. Check out the home page.



Prayer board is in the Rotunda for you to sign up for 1 hour of prayer during Holy week.



2012 Newsletter Schedule

April 5 & 19

As always, if you want something in, it is due one week prior to mail date.
Thanks!



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 22, 2012



Visioning Conference

UPDATE FROM OUR VISIONING CONFERENCES:

“We are pleased to announce that several projects that were mentioned in the visioning meetings are in the works, or have already been started. This is due to individuals who have answered the call to 'be the hands and feet of God' in helping our church become all that God has planned for us.

“A shepherding program is being implemented. The goal of this program is to contact individuals who have missed worship services, to see if there is a concern causing them to miss, and what we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, can do to help.

“A congregational meeting has been set for May 20. We hope you all will plan to participate. More information about that will be coming soon.

“As announced in worship on March 11, we have established a prayer meeting to be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

“This is just the beginning, much more needs to be done to accomplish our short-term needs, and our long-term goals for the congregation. We want and need everyone involved, to move our church forward. We will be posting a list of specific tasks that need to be done. Please pray, and see what God may be nudging you to do to help God's, and our, church. It is time to roll up our sleeves, to get busy, and to see what vision unfolds for us. Stay excited and stay tuned.”

Your Visioning Team



March 25 - 30, 2012

- SUNDAY**
- Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - No Youth.
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band, 6:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Prayer meeting, 6 p.m., Chapel.
 - Bell choir, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- THURSDAY**
- Rainbow Days, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (2nd - 5th grades with older youth helpers.)
 - College Bible Study, 9 p.m.
- FRIDAY**
- Rainbow Days, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (2nd - 5th grades with older youth helpers.)
 - Men's lunch, noon. Host: Don Crose.

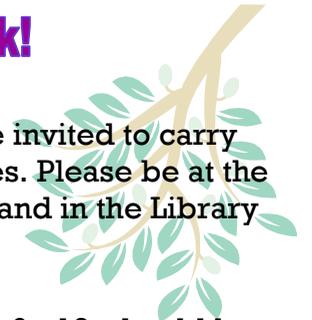
All events held at Sulanke Fellowship House, unless otherwise noted.



PRAYER MEETINGS THROUGH LENT

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Chapel. Everyone is welcome to come and to be in prayer with the minister and the elders for God's direction and leading in this time of renewal, discernment, and **VISIONING** at Hazelwood.

Youth Schedule for Holy Week!



- ◆ April 1 - Palm Sunday - All youth, age 2 - 5th grade, are invited to carry palm branches during the processional, at both services. Please be at the back of the Sanctuary by 8:45 a.m. for the first service, and in the Library by 10:30 a.m., for *Celebrate!*
- ◆ April 7 - Saturday - Easter Egg Hunt...All youth, grades 6 - 12, should be at the church by 9 a.m. to help hide eggs. The hunt will begin at 10 a.m., and is open to all children, infant through 5th grade. There will be designated areas for each age group to hunt, and story time with snacks after the hunt.
- ◆ April 7 - Saturday - Sunrise Service Rehearsal...Our Chi Rho and CYF youth will be leading an Easter Sunrise Service and light brunch. This is our chance to rehearse and to prepare for Sunday. Rehearsal is from 11 a.m. - 12 noon in the Rotunda.
- ◆ April 8 - Easter Sunrise Service and light brunch...All youth participating in the Sunrise Service need to be in the Rotunda by 7 a.m. Service will start at 7:30 a.m., brunch will follow at 8:15 a.m.



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All College & Young Adults

You're invited to join Sara for a night in Indy. We will be traveling to Indy for dinner and a Pacers game. The Pacers play the Western Conference number one team, Oklahoma City, on Friday, April 6. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. We will leave the church at 4:15 p.m., and eat in Noblesville on our way to the game. We will return to the church after the game. Cost for the event is \$15. RSVP to Sara by Sunday, April 1, to save your spot for the trip.

HOLY WEEK AT HAZELWOOD ~ 2012:

Palm Sunday, April 1: Procession of Palms at both services.



Week of Prayer begins at 1 p.m., and runs the entire week. You may sign up for a time on the prayer board in the Rotunda.

Maundy Thursday, April 5:



Congregational dinner in Cartwright Hall, 6 p.m. Menu: baked macaroni and cheese, green beans, relishes, rolls, drink and cake. Suggested donation, \$5 per person.

Worship service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary, with choir anthem, homily, hand-washing, and communion.

Good Friday, April 6:



Church office closes at noon.

Community Good Friday service, noon, High Street United Methodist Church. Reflect on what Christ accomplished on the cross for each of us.

Saturday, April 7:



Easter egg hunt for children through 5th grade, 10 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 8:



Sunrise service led by youth, 7:30 a.m., followed with a light brunch.

Traditional worship, 9 a.m.

Celebrate! worship, 10:45 a.m.



April 1 - 7, 2012

- PALM SUNDAY**
- M.A.G.I.C. Men's Breakfast, 7:45 a.m.
 - Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - No Youth.
 - Week of Prayer begins, 1 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Family Fun Game Night, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall, and Rotunda.
- TUESDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Praise Band, 6:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Prayer meeting, 6 p.m., Chapel.
 - Bell choir, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- MAUNDY THURSDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Dinner, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary.
- FRIDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Church offices close at noon.
- SATURDAY**
- Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.
 - Youth rehearsal for Easter Sunrise Service, 11 a.m.

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Committee Chairs...

Please check your folder for check approval slips. Sign and return them to Rhea as soon as possible.

JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Nikki Haars and Will Parker have been released from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Sympathy to:

Linette Cook and family upon the unexpected death of her nephew, in Florida, last week.

In Appreciation:

"Dear Hazelwood family, thank you so much for your prayers and support during my past two hospital stays for meningitis and C. Diff. I really appreciated your visits, cards, flowers, and prayers. You really encouraged me. God is so very good." Nikki Haars

"Thanks to all who purchased books during the recent book sign-up and signing. Sixty-four copies of my new book, "Eyes of Faith," and one copy of my previous book, "Guided by the Spirit," were sold. With some over and above contributions, the Hazelwood Christian Church Preschool received \$338.00 for this important ministry of our congregation. Blessings and Prayers."
David Cartwright

"We want to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns for the last several weeks. Also, for the visits from Sara and Rev. Colby, and for the flowers, they were beautiful. We do appreciate and love our Church Family."
Dick and Marcia Miller

"Thank you so much for your graduation card and Target gift card! It was so nice of you to think of me, I really appreciate it. I can't believe that I am a college graduate. Sometimes it feels like I should still be in high school. Ha Ha. Luckily I will not be growing up too soon as I have more schooling ahead of me. God blessed me with a great four years at Butler where I learned so much about myself. I am now confident in my future career choice of nursing, and I am excited to continue on. Thanks again, and God bless." Sara Heavilon

"My most sincere thank you for the cards and beautiful Rose Bowl, delivered to me while I was recuperating at home, from my recent hospital stay."
Wilma Purtlebaugh

"Thank you for the flowers, cards, words of sympathy, and shoulders to cry on. You are a great family." Nancy Cook

"Thank you for your support, prayers, flowers, and kind words during this difficult time of my nephew's death." Linette Cook



Missions & Benevolence April Project!

Volunteers are needed to Stuff-A-Bus for Christian Ministries, Friday, April 20, at Marsh, on Wheeling and McGalliard . Hours are 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., or 3 - 5 p.m. Please contact Shirley Bookout, 744-1207, for more information or to sign up.

Thanks, from the Missions & Benevolence committee.



Everyone is welcome to join us for Family Fun Game Night, Monday, April 2, from 7-10 p.m. There will be volleyball in Cartwright Hall, card games, and board games in the Rotunda.

This is a great opportunity to spend time with others in our congregation, as well as meet new people.

Hope to see you there!



An adult grief group is being offered, and anyone experiencing grief due to a death is welcome to attend.

This six-week program will meet every Thursday evening beginning April 5, and ending May 10. We will meet in the IU Health Ball Memorial Cancer Center, 2401 W University Avenue, Conference Room B, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per family unit.

Please call IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice at 747-4273 to register for this group on or before April 3.

April



- 2 Dick Miller
- 6 Jenny Grove
Charles Retherford
- 7 Vicki Vance
Molly Wantz
- 8 Dick Fraizer
- 10 Lukau Matuka
- 11 Laura Rowe
- 12 Brian Matchett
Michael Matchett
- 13 Betsy Cartwright
Joan Gordon

- 15 Stephanie Jones
Warner Van Fleet
- 18 Alayne Retherford
- 20 Cheryl Crose
Faith Smith
- 22 Nikki Haars
Peggy Fast
- 23 Jim Reece
- 24 Melodee Motsenbocker
- 25 Shannon Shirk
- 28 Bill Ritchie
Barbara Schuck

If your name has been inadvertently left off,
call the church office at 282-5969.



Cheeseballs for Easter!

The preschool still has a few cheeseballs left from the fundraiser in the fall. We are always happy to take orders, too! These cheeseballs would be great for Easter! The cost is \$6.00. If you are interested in purchasing a cheeseball, please contact Rebecca Swander.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Thursday, April 5
Maundy Thursday
Dinner, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall
Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday, April 6
Community Good Friday Service,
12 p.m., High Street Methodist Church



Iron Man Fundraiser - We need you!

The Hazelwood Christian Preschool is once again manning a Run Station at the Muncie Iron Man 70.3. We did this last year, and it was a lot of fun! We will be working at the same run station this year. However, we cannot do this without your help! The date for the Iron Man is Saturday, July 7. The volunteer time is from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. However, we are planning to work this time in shifts. What will you be doing when you work at a run station? You will be handing out snacks, drinks, water, cheering and encouraging the runners, and keeping the area clean. The athletes are very appreciative of our help, and we all felt their gratitude. This is an amazing event in Muncie. We would love for you to help us! Please feel free to check out the volunteer website at <http://ironmanmuncie.com/volunteer>.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Rebecca Swander at 284-2430 or hazelwoodpreschool@hotmail.com.

Stewardship Message...

“Recently, Rev. Colby and John Starnes asked me to head the Stewardship Committee. I was honored, but I must admit also somewhat humbled. Stewardship is a challenge for many, perhaps most churches right now, Hazelwood included. There are many reasons for this, and frankly, some of these reasons are, well, just bigger than me. I told Rev Colby and John, ‘I want to help. But I am not sure I know exactly how.’

“So I prayed some about it. And, I found that I had within me a sense of urgency about stewardship, and frankly about the finances in general of Hazelwood. It appears to me that our giving runs about 15-20% behind our programs. I agreed to help, and I decided I would begin by telling you a few things that I believe, and pray that this would help move us all to increase our levels of stewardship.

“First of all, in a big sense, I believe that Hazelwood Christian Church, and churches like it, are very important to our country. I remember Dr. Cartwright reflecting one Sunday near his retirement that, and I hope he doesn’t wince at my paraphrasing, he said ‘as best he could tell there were two types of people in this world, those who believe someone is looking out for them and those who don’t.’ To me, believing that someone is ‘looking out for you’ is responsible. It provides peace and humility and the real, deep down strength and faith that comes with these two gifts. And, for the freedoms we cherish in this country to flourish requires that we be responsible for our own actions and lives. Thus, when we give to Hazelwood we are being responsible, and we cut these issues that are bigger than us all down to size, and we do what we can do to improve them.

“Secondly, in a more immediate sense, I believe Hazelwood Christian Church is very important, perhaps even paramount right now, to this community, a community that has lost jobs and population but retains a spirit. Hazelwood has always been a kind of ‘roll up the sleeves’ type of church. And, today we offer the community much, including:

- A membership that gives of its time and money in many a good work.
- A minister who seems to genuinely want to help us all, who speaks in good spirit and, I say enviably, from the center of the room with no notes.
- A dedicated staff is available to help him and our congregation.
- Music that is a joy, as good as the community offers, from inspirational choral and organ works, to hymns with a warm feeling and a good beat, to simple piano solos that, on occasion and surprisingly so, make my day.
- Two meaningful services, one that rings out our traditions, and one that sings out our present day.

- The best, maybe by far, preschool in the community, teaching time-honored Christian values which is as noble and needed a calling as I can think of.
- An acceptance that many people have many opinions.
- A sense of family and a source of strength when we need it.
- A weekly communion of faith.

Thus, when we give to Hazelwood, we are giving to and improving our community, which right now may be the most pressing need of all.

“Finally, in a personal sense, I believe that I owe Hazelwood Christian Church much, a lot even. It has taught me many, perhaps most, of the things I needed to know to be a responsible man. It has helped my children grow straight and true, like its walls. It has strengthened my family and my life, and when I have needed it, it has strengthened me. I recall the words of Dr. Sulanke, ‘The level of happiness is directly proportional to the level of Thanksgiving.’ I am thankful and I am happy to give. In fact, it has become a pleasure to give.

“To sum up, I believe that our church, our community and our country are all at a sort of crossroads right now. I believe it is this confluence that fuels my sense of urgency, and it is why I am here today. Much of this is bigger than me, true, but... I want to help, and I am asking for your help to commit to do 4 things, things that we can do:

1. Continue to volunteer your time to the church. This I know is particularly appreciated by Rev. Colby.
2. Think about your friends and acquaintances. Ask one or more of them to come to church with you. Follow up with a goal of bringing one new member, or even better, one new family to the church this year.
3. Call a member whose attendance has been irregular, let them know they are missed, and invite them to come to church. Perhaps pick them up if necessary.
4. Make a commitment to increase your giving by whatever you feel you can.

“Hazelwood Christian Church has a long tradition, has provided a warm home away from home for many a person and family over the years, and continues to offer that and more today. When we give to Hazelwood, we invest in the future of the church, the community and, in a bigger sense, the country. We also invest in ourselves.

“Hazelwood is more than a mansion on a hill; it is a beacon on a hill.”
Steve Cartwright, Stewardship Committee Chair